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C O N F I D E N T I A L DAR ES SALAAM 1091

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SUBJECT: STUDENT PROTEST PROVOKES STRONG TANGOV REACTION

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF AIRGRAM (DAR ES SALAAM A-8, TO BE
POUCHED MARCH 14) ON RECENT UNIVERSITY STUDENT DISTURBANCE.

2. BEGIN SUMMARY. SOME 350 UNIVERSITY STUDENTS APPREHENDED
FOR DEMONSTRATING MARCH 6 AGAINST HIGHER ALLOWANCES FOR
MINISTERS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE EXPELLED FROM THEIR SCHOOLS
AND SENT HOME THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE STUDENTS SEEM TO HAVE BEEN
GENERALLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PROMISE AND
REALITY OF TANZANIA'S SOCIALIST, EGALITARIAN SYSTEM. DETAILS OF
THE EVENT ARE CONFUSED. AT LEAST ONE STUDENT IS SAID TO HAVE
BEEN KILLED IN THE CLASH WITH THE POLICE. NYERERE'S SON
REPORTEDLY WAS INCLUDED AMONG THOSE EXPELLED.

3. THE GOVERNMENT APPEARS TO HAVE CONSIDERED PHE STUDENT ACTION
A DIRECT CHALLENGE WHICH REQUIRED A DECISIVE REMEDY. ALL THE
STUDENTS INVOLVED HAD GOOD REASON TO KNOW THAT ANY COMPLAINTS
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WERE TO BE PASSED THROUGH CCM (REVOLUTIONARY PARTY). A FEW
STUDENTS APPARENTLY DID SO AND ACCEPTED PARTY CHAIRMAN NYERERE'S
OFFER TO EXPLAIN GOVERNMENT POLICY. MANY STUDENTS (POSSIBLY AS
MANY AS A THOUSAND) FOLLOWED THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DAR ES SALAAM
UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATION (DUSO) AND DEMONSTRATED. FROM
THE GOVERNMENT'S VIEWPOINT THIS MUST HAVE APPEARED AS A CLEAR
SHOWING OF NO CONFIDENCE IN CCM AND PRESIDENT NYERERE. MANY OF

THE STUDENTS, HOWEVER, MAY NOT HAVE GUESSED THAT THIS WAS HOW
THEIR PROTEST WOULD BE INTERPRETED.
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